

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein [said formatted version of the accessed hyper-text] the printable document is updated upon new hyper-text pages being accessed.

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4. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said steps are performed in a background mode relative to the user's access to the hyper-text documents.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein steps (b) to (d) [and (c)] are performed asynchronously to the [with a] user's access to [said] the hyper-text documents.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said steps are performed substantially in synchronism to said [with a] user's access to [said] the hyper-text documents.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein step (d) comprises the steps of formatting the printable document [the formatted version is formatted to be suitable] for [single or] multiple column page printing on a printer output device.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 7, wherein [said] the printable document [formatted version suitable for single or multiple column page printing] comprises a plurality of the [as many] hyper-text documents on at least one page of the

printable document [each printed page as can reasonably fit in a space available on said each printed page].

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9. (Amended) A method as claimed in [claims] Claim 1, wherein [said] the printable document comprises [formatted version includes] a table of contents listing each hyper-text document represented in [said] the printable document [formatted version] wherein each entry in the [said] table of contents is labeled with the position at which the corresponding [associated] hyper-text document occurs within the [said] printable document [formatted version].

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein [said] the printable document comprises [formatted version includes] a hyper-link index of at least one [all the] hyper link reference [references in all the] of each [said] hyper-text [documents] document represented in [said] the printable document [formatted version].

11. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein each hyper-link reference in the [said] printable document [formatted version] is tagged with a cross-reference to a corresponding [its] entry in [said] the hyper-link index.

12. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said hyper-link index comprises all [excludes] hyper-link references of each hyper-text [documents] document represented in [said] the printable document [formatted version].

13. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least one [the said] hyper-text [documents] document comprises an [are] HTML [documents] document.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the [said] hyper-text documents are accessed using Internet protocols.

15. (Amended) A method as claimed in [claims] Claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the printable document [wherein said formatted version is displayed] in preview form [continuously] during accesses to [while said user accesses said] the hyper-text documents.

16. (Amended) A method of forming a printable document by collating a plurality of hyper-text documents, said method comprising steps of:

(a) accessing [said] the hyper-text documents including corresponding structure information;

(b) [creating a formatted version of] collating and formatting the [said] accessed hyper-text documents using the structure information and at least a predetermined printable document format to form the printable document in which the accessed hyper-text documents are contiguously arranged therein over at least one printable page thereof [wherein said formatted version is characterized by a single or multiple column printing such that each printed page contains as many of said hyper-text documents as can reasonably fit in an available space on a printed page].

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17. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein at least some of [said] the hyper-text documents are determined by accepting a specification from a user of at least one [or more] root hyper-text [documents] document and adding to [said] the root hyper-text document [documents all derived] further hyper-text documents which are hyper-linked from [said] the root hyper-text [documents] document and which have certain specified characteristics defined by [said] the user.

18. (Amended) A method as claimed in [claims] Claim 16, wherein [said] the printable document [formatted version] includes a table of contents listing each hyper-text document represented in [said] the printable document [formatted version] wherein each entry in the [said] table of contents is labeled with the position at which the corresponding [associated] hyper-text document occurs within the [said] printable document [formatted version].

19. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein [said] the printable document comprises [formatted version includes] a hyper-link index of at least one [all the] hyper-link reference [references in all the] of each [said] hyper-text [documents] document represented in [said] the printable document [formatted version].

20. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 19, [16] wherein each hyper-link reference in the [said] printable document [formatted version] is tagged with a cross-reference to a corresponding [its] entry in [said] the hyper-link index.

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21. (Amended) A method as claimed in Claim 19 16], wherein [said] the hyper-link index comprises all [excludes] hyper-link references of each hyper-text [documents] document represented in [said] the printable document [formatted version].

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24. (Amended) A method as claimed in [claims] Claim 16, further comprising the step of displaying the printable document [wherein said formatted version is displayed] in preview form [continuously] while [said] the user accesses [said] the hyper-text documents.

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26. (Amended) [Apparatus configured to implement the] A method according to [of] claim 16, wherein the predetermined printable document format comprises multiple columns arranged on pages of the printable document and into which the accessed hyper-text documents are contiguously arranged.

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27. (Amended) A computer implemented method for forming a printable document by collating a plurality of documents obtained from a plurality of sources, said method comprising the steps of:

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monitoring accesses to documents in sequence;
recording the contents of a plurality of selected ones of the documents including
structure information relating to each [said] selected document; and
collating [said] the selected documents according to a predetermined order of
collation to form the printable document, said collating comprising arranging at least one
[none or more] display [pages] page according to a size of each [of said] selected document
based upon [said] the corresponding structure information, wherein [said] the printable
[collating forms a single] document is reproducible at least by printing.

28. (Amended) A computer system comprising:
a network comprising a source of a plurality of documents each individually
accessible via a corresponding resource locator[, wherein one of] and in which [said] the
documents include therein links that afford [give] access to others of [said] the documents;
means for monitoring access to the documents via said resource locator and
compiling a [display] list of accessed ones of [said] the documents, [said] the list including
the corresponding links and structure information pertaining to each accessed document;
and
means for collating the [display] list into a selected order and for formatting [said]
the accessed documents within [said display] the list into a single printable document
having at least [corresponding] components corresponding to the accessed documents
arranged in [said] the selected order.

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29. (Amended) A computer readable medium including instruction modules arranged to collate for printing a single document a plurality of documents derived from a plurality of sources in a network, said modules comprising:

a monitoring module for monitoring browsing operations throughout [said] the network;

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a compiling module for compiling a [display] list of selected documents encountered during [said] the browsing operations; [and]

a collating module for collating [the] selected ones of the documents from [said] the list into a single printable document in which each [said] selected document is [in] formatted according to structure information derived during [said] the monitoring [module whereby said single printable document is collated to be substantially seamless in printing reproduction and to minimize vacant or wasted space on any and each printed page]; and
a printing module for causing a printing of the single printable document thereby causing hard copy reproduction of the single printable document and the selected documents.

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31. (Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable medium having a computer program recorded thereon for forming a printable document by collating a plurality of hyper-text documents, said computer program product comprising:

means for monitoring a user's access patterns to [said] the hyper-text documents;

means for accessing [said] the hyper-text documents including structure information of the accessed hyper-text documents; [and]

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means for compiling a list of selected ones of the hyper-text documents using the structure information; and

means for formatting the list into the printable document comprising the selected ones [creating a formatted version] of the accessed hyper-text documents [for said user].

Please add new Claims 32-38 as follows:

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--32. A method as claimed in Claim 7, wherein step (d) comprises the step of maximizing the number of the hyper-text documents on each page of the printable document.

33. A method as claimed in Claim 32, wherein step (d) comprises the steps of formatting each hyper-text document according to a predetermined printable document format, determining if space exists on a page of the printable document for a formatted hyper-text document and, if so, inserting the formatted hyper-text document into the printable document and, if not, creating a further page in the printable document and inserting the formatted hyper-text document into the further page.

34. A method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein step (b) comprises the steps of formatting the hyper-text documents into the printable document using one of a single or multiple column format and optimizing the number of the hyper-text documents on each page of the printable document.

35. A method as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the printable document is comprises at least one printable column and is formatted to provide at least continuous page-length columns for each printable column excepting a last column where a size of said hyper-text documents when so formatted exceeds one said column.

36. A method according to Claim 35, wherein printable pages of the printable document are formatted with at least two columns.

37. A method according to Claim 35, wherein the hyper-text documents are formatted within the plural ones of the columns in such a manner to continuously reasonably fill each the column whereupon a non-fitting remainder of the hyper-text document is formatted at least into an immediately succeeding column of the printable document.

38. A computer implemented method for forming a single printable document by collating a plurality of hyper-text documents, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) initiating a first application for accessing and browsing hyper-text documents;
- (b) initiating a second application, said second application:
 - (1) monitoring access patterns of the first application;
 - (2) fetching hyper-text documents accessed by the first application including corresponding structure information of the accessed hyper-text document; and
 - (3) creating a formatted single printable document version of the accessed hyper-text documents.